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PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY

For the week ending June 14, 2008, growers placed 11.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) decreased 1.8% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 6.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending June 07, 2008 compared to 9.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
04/19/2008	14,273	14,115	11,804	11,949	12,133	12,141
04/26/2008	14,250	13,214	11,823	11,959	12,015	12,068
05/03/2008	14,143	13,800	12,029	11,784	12,121	11,987
05/10/2008	14,207	13,824	11,870	11,883	12,018	12,327
05/17/2008	14,146	13,791	11,866	11,156	12,000	11,202
05/24/2008	14,121	13,758	11,694	11,658	11,795	11,718
05/31/2008	14,289	13,592	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,734
* 06/07/2008	14,342	14,077	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,771
06/14/2008	14,327	13,343	11,810	11,602	11,900	11,914

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	06/21/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	77.60	77.55	82.02	82.60
12-City Composite 2/	82.44	82.06	81.76	81.88

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*32,443	*32,664	*32,510	*32,731	*32,740	31,828
AR	26,611	26,852	27,244	27,203	26,918	26,473
DE	3,718	3,728	3,717	3,721	3,718	3,714
FL	1,336	1,341	1,336	1,346	1,341	1,341
GA	34,041	34,848	34,509	34,004	*34,119	34,143
KY	*8,113	*8,078	*8,317	8,168	*8,171	7,796
LA	3,712	3,650	3,682	3,620	3,651	3,642
MD	8,840	8,796	8,771	8,601	*8,976	8,358
MS	18,893	19,060	18,948	18,981	19,074	18,930
NC	19,740	19,693	*19,413	19,577	19,263	19,158
OK	7,446	7,523	*7,243	7,204	7,342	7,216
PA	4,232	4,405	4,442	*4,592	*4,588	4,580
SC	5,491	5,718	5,556	5,490	5,769	5,260
TX	14,836	15,467	15,485	15,599	15,778	15,899
VA	5,939	6,429	6,257	6,242	6,199	6,476
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,687	19,889	19,723	19,840	*20,058	20,001
19 State Total	*215,078	*218,141	*217,153	*216,919	*217,705	214,815
Previous Year Total	219,938	219,928	219,527	218,990	219,184	217,590
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	99	99	99	99

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 14, 2008. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	May 10 2008	May 17 2008	May 24 2008	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	*21,614	*21,700	*22,280	*21,497	*22,140	22,333
AR	22,615	22,940	25,035	23,748	23,671	24,333
DE	5,746	4,321	4,949	5,206	*5,127	4,527
FL	1,271	1,138	1,136	1,383	1,146	1,136
GA	28,571	28,094	28,981	28,993	29,052	27,910
KY	6,246	5,431	6,158	*6,071	*6,492	6,603
LA	3,147	3,634	3,474	3,683	3,794	3,742
MD	6,021	5,712	6,008	5,602	*5,939	6,291
MS	17,145	17,383	16,614	17,259	17,348	17,262
NC	16,014	16,120	16,087	16,076	16,047	16,014
OK	5,430	5,136	3,883	4,608	4,802	4,917
PA	3,262	3,254	3,261	*3,191	*3,362	3,410
SC	4,812	4,997	4,618	4,756	4,726	5,494
TX	12,702	12,851	12,523	12,416	12,990	13,149
VA	4,077	5,113	4,976	4,858	5,202	5,287
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,423	18,027	17,249	17,659	*18,141	16,780
19 State Total	*177,096	*175,851	*177,232	*177,006	*179,979	179,188
Previous Year Total	180,594	178,545	179,069	180,055	180,462	179,754
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	99	98	100	100

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 14, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 14, 2008 were 4.28 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.